

# North Bend Update



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## Summer 2011

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## From the Mayor's Desk

Save the Date! The North Bend business community, volunteers, and City staff are busy making plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Downtown Block Party. The event will be held on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 – 10:00 p.m. Once again the Block Party will have a wonderful lineup of great entertainment, music, activities, and tasty local food and drinks for the entire family. Take a look at the Community & Economic Development Department Report for more Block Party details.

'The Festival at Mt Si' Committee is also hard at work preparing for North Bend's signature event. This year's Festival, Parade and the Tour De Peaks will be held August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. The City is fortunate to have so many community volunteers who give a huge amount of time and energy to make the Festival spectacular for residents and visitors alike. Go to the Festival website at <http://www.festivalatmtsi.org/> for more information and the full schedule of events.

The popular Yardwaste Recycling Program continues through October 22<sup>nd</sup> and is open on two Saturdays per month. Check the City website for the full schedule. The King County Hazardous Wastemobile Event is also happening this month from July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> at the Snoqualmie Elementary School.

Other North Bend events planned for the summer include the world renowned Warrior Dash which will be held at Meadowbrook Farm on July 16 – 17<sup>th</sup> bringing as many as 17,500 participants to town. The Farmer's Market is also now open every Thursday through September 1<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 8 p.m., sporting a weekly lineup of concerts, artisans and merchants at Si View Park. Join in the fun, North Bend truly is . . . easy to reach . . . hard to leave!

*Ken Hearing, Mayor*

## City Administrator's Office

Welcome to the July 2011 North Bend Update! We are hoping that the summer weather is finally here. As you will see in the pages of this publication, summer promises to be the biggest (and wildest) 3 months in the City's history!

Please make sure to mark your calendar for our Town Hall meeting to take place on September 14, 2011. The City will be making a number of presentations on important community events and proposals and we would like to get input from every one of you. In addition, there will be great food to celebrate our "All-American" heritage. More details to come.

North Bend is starting the process of awarding a new franchise for solid waste collection services. Please feel free to drop us a line if you have any specific questions or concerns about garbage and recycling. Our current franchise with Allied Waste expires in May of 2012 so we have to begin looking at the types of service that we want and what those services will cost. I can be reached at [dwilson@northbendwa.gov](mailto:dwilson@northbendwa.gov). Have a great, safe summer everyone!

*Duncan Wilson, City Administrator*

# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

One thing I've learned in life is that you can count on things to change. Since the March newsletter I have accepted a new position and am happy for the opportunity to continue to work for a City I love and have a passion for. I am excited for the challenge this presents and confident that we will work together to meet the goals before us as we move forward. I wish to congratulate staff members Stan Lewis, Finance Manager and Susie Oppedal, City Clerk on their new positions with the City!

The Administrative Services Department is the liaison between the citizens of North Bend and several City departments. Within the department are the offices of Administration, Finance, City Clerk, Human Resources, Utility Billing, Information Technology, and Communications. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have.

*Cheryl Proffitt-Schmidt, Administrative Services Director*

## Finance Division

The Finance department is currently working on an automation plan to become more efficient with payment processing and customer interaction. We recently implemented a service that will convert paper check payments (that we currently receive from various online banking Bill Pay systems) into an electronic file for processing.

As a reminder to all utility customers (to ensure your account is properly credited), please VERIFY that your City of North Bend utility account number is correctly setup within your bank's website "Bill Pay" system using this 9-digit format (including the *hyphen*): #####-### Examples: 001234-000 & 001234-001.

In May, the department filed the City's 2010 Annual Report on-time with the Washington State Auditor's office and we began processing a utility rate study for Water & Sewer. The department is also organizing for the 2012 budget process and preparing for the 2010 Audit.

*Stan Lewis, Finance Manager*

## City Clerk Division



### CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The City Council conducts regular business meetings the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave. S. Workstudy sessions are held the fourth Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 211 Main Ave. N. The public is welcome at all City Council meetings.

Adopted Ordinances, Resolutions, Minutes, and audio recordings of meetings are uploaded to the City website at <http://northbendwa.gov>, they may be accessed by clicking on the City Council link. Council Meetings are televised on NBTV Channel 21 at 8:30 a.m., noon, 6:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. Please note the July 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting has been cancelled. The next regular City Council meeting will be held on July 19, 2011.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!



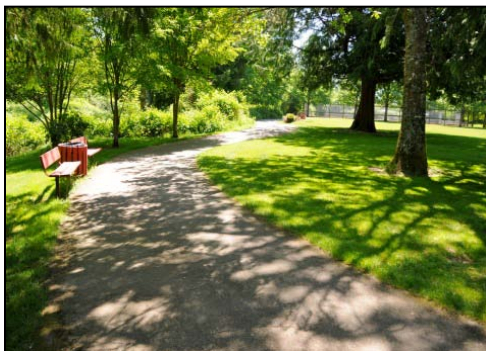
June 23 – September 1	Farmers Market & Summer Concert Series, Thursdays 4-8 p.m.
July 16 & 17	Warrior Dash
July 23	Downtown Block Party, 1-10 p.m.
August 12, 13 & 14	Festival at Mt Si
August 14	Tour De Peaks
September 3 & 4	Multisport Festival
September 11	911 Candlelight Vigil @ Si View Park, 7:00 p.m.
September 14	Town Hall Meeting @ Senior Center, 5:30 p.m.

For additional details on any of these events please visit the calendar of events on the homepage of the City Website at <http://northbendwa.gov>.

### MT SI FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS

The Food Bank is requesting donations of **Water, Juice, Tea and Coffee** during the month of July and **Spaghetios, Ravioli and Stew** during the month of August. The North Bend QFC and City Hall accept non-perishable food donations on the behalf of the Mt. Si Food Bank. City Hall is located at 211 Main Avenue North and is open to the public Monday – Thursday, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 4:30 and Fridays between the hours of 8:30 am and noon.

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR PARKS COMMISSION



Are you a youth between the ages of 16 – 18, living within the Snoqualmie Valley School District Boundaries, and want to have your voice heard on the future of the City's incredible system of parks, recreation and open space? Applications are currently being accepted through July 13<sup>th</sup> for a youth volunteer position on the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission is an advisory body that provides guidance and direction in meeting the parks, recreation and beautification needs of the City and typically meets once a month on Wednesday evenings. For more information please visit the homepage of the City website at <http://northbendwa.gov> or call the City Clerk at 425-888-7627.

### FREE CFL BULB RECYCLING AT CITY OFFICES

The City hosts several CFL bulb collection stations. Keep up your recycling efforts and drop off used compact fluorescent light bulbs. The





collection stations are located at City Hall, 211 Main Ave. N., the Community & Economic Development Department, 126 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Public Works Department, 1155 E. North Bend Way.

## PUBLIC MEETING LIST

JULY 5	7:00 PM	CITY COUNCIL @ Senior Center <b>Cancelled</b>
JULY 12	2:00 PM	FINANCE & ADMIN @ City Hall
JULY 12	4:00 PM	PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY @ City Hall
JULY 14	7:00 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION @ City Hall
JULY 19	1:15 PM	COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT @ CED
JULY 19	7:00 PM	CITY COUNCIL @ Senior Center
JULY 20	3:45 PM	TRANSPORTATION & PW @ Public Works
JULY 21	8:00 AM	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION @ CED
JULY 26	7:00 PM	COUNCIL WORKSTUDY @ City Hall
JULY 27	6:00 PM	PARKS COMMISSION @ CED
JULY 28	7:00 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION @ City Hall

Meeting dates may change and/or are subject to cancellation. For more up to date information please visit our Calendar of Events at <http://northbendwa.gov> or contact the City Clerk at (425) 888-7627.

*Susie Oppedal, City Clerk*

## LAW, JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### Police Division

Hello North Bend,

As the summer weather arrives in town we need to be extra vigilant to prevent ourselves and our neighbors from becoming victimized. Bad guys will take advantage of us if the opportunity presents itself so we need to do what we can to shut them down. Make sure that you shut your garage doors at night; close your windows when out of the home or sleeping, lock your doors when you are not around; and keep valuables out of sight in your parked cars. It is easy to go to bed without shutting your garage door – make sure that you look out your window at your neighbor's home to see if they forgot. Give them a call as a reminder if you see it open.



There are a lot more kids on the street during the summer, playing, running, or riding their bikes. We need to be careful when driving in town and in the neighborhoods. We have some free bicycle helmets to give out if your kids need them – it is the law that everyone riding a bicycle wears one to prevent injury. Come by the police station during business hours for a helmet until we run out.

Our on-line reporting system is up and running. If you are the victim of a minor crime you can avoid waiting for the police by going onto the North Bend web page and filing the report on your computer. Once completed, the report will work it's way to me and we will see if we can solve your case. This system is only set up for cases that are not in progress, minimal loss, and no suspect information.

If you were involved in a traffic accident after March 30, 2011, you can obtain a copy of the report by going on-line at [www.docview.us.com](http://www.docview.us.com).

Be safe and have a great summer.

Mark Toner, Chief of Police

## Fire Division



### ANNUAL BURNING MORATORIUM FOR AREAS OF EASTSIDE FIRE & RESCUE JUNE 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

The communities within Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R) are beautiful locations that offer some of the finest living on the West Coast. Our beautiful neighborhoods cover relatively mountainous terrain urban in nature, with fences and yards. Many neighborhoods are built in the wooded hills and grasslands that surround our towns. Homes in areas surrounded by vegetation have become very popular these days. These neighborhoods create what we term as the **wildland urban interface**.

Although our wet spring season can lead many to believe that we may not have a need for the moratorium this year, we will experience warmer days very soon. The authorized seasonal burning moratorium is an appropriate precautionary measure in reducing fire danger.

EF&R begins their annual burning moratorium on June 15. Anyone living within the boundaries of EF&R needs to be aware of these guidelines:

#### **Cooking & Recreational Burning "Permit Required"** (No fee permit)

- Not subject to June 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> seasonal burn ban moratorium.
- Cooking & Recreational fires shall use only dry seasoned wood.
- Propane, natural gas & charcoal fires do not require a burn permit.
- Cooking & Recreational fires shall not be larger than 3' in diameter and 2' in height.

- A recreational fire is the same as a cooking fire but without the food.
- Fires (with or without food) shall be contained in a barbecue pit, fire ring or other approved appliances such as manufactured portable fireplace units now available at retailers around the region.
- Any fire using wood is subject to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency burn ban.

### **Land Clear Burning**

- Land clear burning has been permanently banned within King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.

### **Residential Burning “Permit Required”** (No fee permit)

- Subject to EF&R burn ban moratorium June 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- DNR or Forest Service property. (EF&R does not issue permits in this area.)
- Subject to Puget Sound Clean Air Agency burn ban.

### **Facts about the seasonal burning moratorium:**

- A seasonal burning moratorium on residential burning **only** is in place for areas within EF&R.
- Outdoor cooking or recreational burning (campfires) require a no-fee burn permit.
- Land clear permits have been permanently banned in our county since July 2008.
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency may impose a countywide burn ban for air-quality conditions.
- King County Fire Marshal’s Office may impose a burn ban due to extreme fire danger.
- Fire weather outlook for this year indicates that our summer season will be warmer and dryer.
- Brush fires significantly increase during the summer months.
- EF&R has already responded to fourteen brush fires between May 1 to June 15.
- For the safety of our community and fire danger potential, EF&R imposes a burning moratorium each year between June 15 and September 30.
- You can help protect your home against wildfires by building a defensible space around your home: [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) or [www.eastsidefire-rescue.org](http://www.eastsidefire-rescue.org).

For burn ban information contact Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at: 1-800-595-4341. For questions on Eastside Fire & Rescue’s annual moratorium please contact Deputy Chief Bud Backer at (425) 313-3200.

*Josie Williams, Eastside Fire & Rescue Public Information Officer*

## **PUBLIC WORKS & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Capital Projects**

#### **1. ULID No 6**

Both the pipeline and pump station portions of this project have been completed with a few minor restoration and punchlist items to complete. Notices have been sent out to the ULID

property owners informing them that they can now apply for connection to the new system. This will allow owners to abandon failing septic systems or apply for new development in the Tanner area. Genie, the Ranger Station, John Day Homes' Tannerwood subdivision, the truck stop, and various houses in Wood River have already connected to city sewer. Once the final numbers have been tallied and new appraisals have been done on the ULID properties, a final assessment roll will be prepared and notices issued to the owners of their assessments. A public hearing will be scheduled and held before the roll is finalized and the first billings sent to the owners.

## **2. Fire Station**

An additional open house was held in January for the public to look at and provide feedback on the layout and look of the proposed new fire station on Maloney Grove Avenue SE between North Bend Way and Cedar Falls Way. Subsequently, the voters overwhelmingly approved in February the issuance of bonds to pay for the design and construction of this new fire station.

What's in store for us now is to issue and sell these bonds, authorize the architect to proceed with the design of the facility, and go to construction later this summer.

## **3. ADA Ramp Upgrades Downtown**

Later this summer, the department will be again doing construction downtown. This time, we will be replacing existing non-compliant pedestrian ramps at various street intersections with ones in conformance with the American Disabilities Act. Approximately 40 downtown corners will be impacted.

## **4. Stormwater Pump Station Upgrade at the Senior Center**

A storm water pump station located near the Senior Center on Main Avenue South is not capable of pumping water into the river during extremely high river flows. Consequently, the department will be upgrading the pumps and the outfall to the river to increase pumping capacity toward minimizing the risk for flooding in this area as we have experienced in the past. Alternatively the department is looking at purchasing a trailer mounted diesel pump to assist the pump station during high river flows and also to provide additional uses such as stream and sewer bypass.

# **Maintenance & Operations**

1. The Public Work Department will be working on removing material and creating a set-back levy for the Ribary Creek sediment pond this summer with funding coming from FEMA.
2. Currently reviewing the possibility of changing over from a touch pad water meter system to a mobile or fixed base system.
3. Received 3 bids and selected low bidder to replace 7 failing utility trench patches across North Bend Way, work to be done this summer.

## **Private Developments**

The improvements to Phase I of Tannerwood subdivision off of SE 140<sup>th</sup> Street have been completed and accepted by the City. The Phase II utilities are currently being installed in anticipation of an improving economy.



See the Planning Department section of this update for other development activities being considered in the planning stages.

### **Special Recycle Event & Yardwaste**

This year Department of Ecology funding of the 2011 Recycling Event was managed by the Public Works Department. The Special Recycling Event was held April 23<sup>rd</sup> on an absolute perfect sunshiny day resulting in the largest event held by North Bend with over 259 recyclers. Working the event along with our City staff was a new resource, 1Green Planet. This vendor was chosen to recycle our scrap metal, appliances and electronics. 1Green Planet was at “no charge” to the City and to its participants. Their wages and overhead are recouped through the goods they recycle and sell for profit.

A big thank you goes to QFC for donating 150 recyclable grocery bags which we filled with information regarding Hazardous Waste. The King County Wastemobile will be @ the Snoqualmie Elementary School – July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>. We also thank NAPA for their discounted prices on “Draintainers and Cargo nets.”

The Yardwaste Event began the first week of April and will continue through October. Our City staff has been working with the King County grant funding agencies by having our residents participate in a questionnaire regarding how to reduce and recycle. Upcoming event days are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept 10, 24<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Ron Garrow, Public Works Director and City Engineer*

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Economic Development – Summer Events!**

#### **North Bend WARRIOR DASH - July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

The Warrior Dash is a mud crawling, fire leaping running event that will be held at Meadowbrook Farm. This event is world renowned and coming to our town on July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>! You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to experience some intense outdoor recreation in North Bend. Camping is available at Si View Metropolitan Parks District. For more information about camping, visit [www.siviewpark.org](http://www.siviewpark.org). To sign up or for more information about the Warrior Dash, visit their website at [http://www.warriordash.com/register2011\\_washington.php](http://www.warriordash.com/register2011_washington.php)

#### **DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY – Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

The 2011 Downtown Block Party, hosted by our Downtown Businesses, Si View Metropolitan Parks District, Encompass, and the City of North Bend, is a fun filled community event intended to give our local businesses an opportunity to showcase themselves, and for all of us to have a lot of fun! Come join us in Downtown North Bend on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>!



*North Bend Block Party!*

## FESTIVAL AT MT. SI - August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

The Festival at Mount Si offers fun for everyone! Shop 'til you drop with arts and crafts vendors hailing from all over the State of Washington. Get your corn-on-the-cob, elephant ears, and much more at the many booths offering Washington's best food and drink. Relax in the beer garden while supporting the festival and the local Rotary Club. Groove to jazz, blues, rock, country and more with live performances on two stages! For more information and full schedule of events visit [www.festivalatmtsi.org](http://www.festivalatmtsi.org).



## TOUR DE PEAKS - August 14<sup>th</sup>

Come enjoy the beauty of the Snoqualmie Valley! Tour de Peaks winds cyclists along some of the most spectacular scenic roads in the State of Washington. Whether you choose the 25 mile Intermediate, 50 mile Half-Century, or the full 100 mile Century Route, you will experience meandering country roads, river and mountain views, historic small towns, great rest stops, cycling comradely and the **FESTIVAL at Mt. Si** at the finish! **3 Fully**

### Supported Road Rides:

100 mile Century – entire Valley, including Duvall

50 miles – Country roads, including Carnation

25 miles – Close up views of Mt Si

Early registration, 7/18/11: ages 13 and up \$25.00

Registration after 7/18/11: ages 13 and up \$35.00

<http://www.tourdepeaks.org>



*Riding in the Tour De Peaks!*

## NORTH BEND MULTISPORT FESTIVAL - September 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>



The City of North Bend, TriFeaks, and Mr. Crampy's Multisport have partnered to bring the first annual Multicross event in North Bend! That's right...you live in a pretty cool town! Multicross is an exciting new event based on the traditional triathlon model of swim, bike, run but with an exciting new twist.....Cyclocross. Cyclocross is one of the fastest growing sports in the world and its circuit format makes it a spectators sport, also! This will be a two day event. The Day 1 will include a Multicross event; you'll swim, bike on/off road into North Bend and run a spectacular route in and around Downtown North Bend! Day 2 will consist of the Cyclocross race.

All that and a festival, too....Downtown North Bend will be hosting the first annual Multisport Festival; you'll find bands, beer, and multisport vendors! The North Bend Theatre will even be hosting a two day Multisport Film Festival. To sign up or for more information visit the official website <http://multicross.net/default.aspx>.

If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Gina Estep at [gestep@northbendwa.gov](mailto:gestep@northbendwa.gov).

## Parks Commission

The Parks Commission met on June 15<sup>th</sup> and hosted a workshop on Urban Forestry. The Parks Commission will be working over the summer to develop policies for an Urban Forestry Plan for the city, to guide the planning, management, and maintenance of the city's public tree resources (trees along streets, within parks, and in other public places). At the workshop, the Parks Commission and public participated in identifying the values that trees provide, how trees contribute to North Bend's identity, and then formed a draft vision statement for the city's future urban forest, which will guide the development of the Urban Forestry Plan. Related to the Urban Forestry Plan, the city has hired Davey Resource Group to conduct a public tree inventory and assessment. This work will inventory trees along streets and within public parks and other public places, provide a condition assessment of each tree, which will assist in the future management of the city's trees. The funds for the tree inventory and assessment have come from a Community Forestry Grant from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service.

## Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. At the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and considered amendments to a number of sections of the North Bend Municipal Code regarding electric vehicle infrastructure. The amendments carry out North Bend's obligations for consistency with state requirements to allow electric vehicle infrastructure (including electric vehicle charging stations, rapid charging stations, and battery exchange stations). The regulations also establish standards applicable to the location and construction of these facilities both off-street and along public streets, as well as standards addressing parking at these facilities. The Planning Commission made a recommendation of approval of these amendments.



The June 9<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting also included a public workshop on the update to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Kris Liljebad from Perteet Engineering, the consulting firm hired to prepare the update, presented preliminary findings on the traffic analysis that will be used in the update. Workshop participants then broke into small groups to describe concerns they had regarding traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety and mobility, and downtown plaza and parking planning. Mr. Liljebad's presentation, as well as public comments received at the workshop, have been posted on the city's website.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The June 7<sup>th</sup> draft SMP goals, policies and regulations are online under "News, Events, and Highlights" on the homepage of the City's website. Drafts of the Cumulative Impacts Analysis and Restoration Plan should be available soon, as the public review and approval process begins. The CED Council Committee will be reviewing the SMP as well as the whole City Council during the July work study.

## Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission did not meet in June. The next Economic Development Meeting is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association

At their June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association (MFPA) met with North Bend Community & Economic Development Director Gina Estep to discuss the routing and preparations for the Warrior Dash, a relay race scheduled for July 16-17 at the farm. The MFPA discussed follow up from the requests that the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend had provided to the farm regarding the reserve funds within the budget, insurance coverage, and contracts. A subcommittee will prepare a memo describing the reserve budget for the next meeting, which will be provided to the cities. The MFPA also discussed how best to provide payment for services at the farm, and decided to address this through contracts, rather than work out an employee payroll system. The MFPA discussed and approved a contract with Heidi Winger for grounds maintenance services around the interpretive center building.

## Snoqualmie Watershed Forum

The King Conservation District (KCD) Board of Supervisor's met on June 20<sup>th</sup> and awarded the City \$40,000 for the Tollgate Farm East Bookend NW Parcel Weed Control Project, Phase 3. Mountains to Sound crews and volunteers have been busy working in this area with the current grant.



## Current Planning

The Community and Economic Development Department is processing a number of current planning projects, as follows.

### Pre-Application Review (PAR):

- The Sallal Water Association submitted for a PAR to install a new water reservoir and booster station on property owned by Tanner Electric at 45710 SE North Bend Way. The facilities are intended to serve the water needs of the expanding population in the Tanner area.
- Mary Miller submitted for a PAR to do a short plat and associated boundary line adjustment at her property at 120 W. Sixth Street to create two additional building lots.
- Thomas Singleton submitted for a PAR to do a short plat to create an additional building lot at 204 Ballarat Ave. N., and to construct a residential triplex on the new lot.

#### New Project Permitting Submittals:

- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved an application by Bill Laatsch for current use taxation for his property at 610 NE Third Street (commonly known as the “old pig farm”). To be enrolled in the PBRs program for tax benefit, Mr. Laatsch has to maintain his property for farming or open space purposes. The application also requires approval by King County.

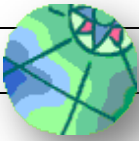
#### Prior Submittals / Ongoing Project Permitting:

- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved a municipal code amendment to allow certain manufacturing uses within the Neighborhood Business Zone, subject to new performance standards that addressed potential impacts. The application was submitted as an applicant-initiated code amendment by Rowley Properties, and was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission in May.
- New Sky LLC submitted an application on January 7<sup>th</sup> for the permitting for two hotels, a restaurant building, and associated parking lot and site improvements on parcel numbers 092308-9068 and -9024 at the corner of South Fork Avenue SW and Bendigo Boulevard South. The applicant has applied for a SEPA determination, binding site plan, site plan approval, design review approval, critical areas approval and variance, floodplain development permit, shoreline substantial development permit and variance, and a clearing and grading permit.
- Scott Isbell Short Plat at 45400 SE 140<sup>th</sup> Street review is almost complete. Approval of this short plat will create two new buildable lots in addition to the existing home that is on the current property.
- Forster Woods Homeowners Association Ribary Creek Bank Stabilization Project: Staff are awaiting the submittal of additional information before further processing, including a statement from the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding whether a Habitat Project Approval is required, and additional plans regarding the excavation and grading of the overhang.
- Gordon Gaub Bank Stabilization Project at 45605 SE Tanner Road: Mr. Gaub has received Hydraulic Project Approval from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Staff are awaiting submittal of additional information regarding the prior erosion at the site.
- Cedar Falls Subdivision: The site is being prepared for improvements to meet final plat requirements (sewer, water, streets, stormwater).
- Byron Moore Subdivision Preliminary Plat: Staff are awaiting the applicant’s submittal of wetland mitigation plans, revised plat and utility plans, and an updated technical information report based on the applicant’s revised plat layout. Following submittal of this information, a SEPA threshold determination will be issued and a hearing before the hearing examiner will be scheduled to consider the preliminary plat application.
- Thomas Singleton met with the city to discuss a Short Plat with triplex development on the newly created lot next to 204 Ballarat Avenue North.
- A Boundary Line Agreement approval is expected for an area in dispute that had an old barbwire fence and building encroachment. The three property owners (Fury, Dahlgren, and Brown) are in agreement to record and finalize the original 2002 Boundary Line Agreement.



## Building Permit Activity

Building Permits issued during June and through to June 24<sup>th</sup> consisted of 18 permits, and included: three commercial sign permits, including two permits for new stores at the North Bend Factory Outlet, The Banana Republic and Christopher & Banks; three commercial fire permits; three residential roof permits; one commercial roof permit for Nintendo, with a project valuation of \$1,230,000; one new single family residence permit; one commercial accessory structure permit; two commercial mechanical permits; one residential mechanical permit; two commercial plumbing permits; and one residential alteration permit. Total valuation of the permits issued for this period equals \$1,667,355.



## GIS

The city's GIS has continued working on a number of old and new projects. These projects include:

- 1) Shoreline Master Program – support for public outreach effort. Mapping changes implemented due to additional wetland data and public comments. Additional analysis for Cumulative Impacts currently underway.
- 2) Support for the Stormwater Plan update
- 3) Continued effort on re-addressing the Tanner/Stilson Annexation areas
- 4) Support of Water Utility technology upgrade feasibility
- 5) Addressing of new plat activity
- 6) Continued support on the ULID #6 Project
- 7) Continuing archival of old Engineering and Mapping documents into a digital archive.

## Upcoming Happenings at Valley Center Stage

Valley Center Stage (formerly the Unity Theatre) is located on the second floor at 119 W. North Bend Way. For more information, or to order tickets, visit the Valley Center Stage website at: [www.valleycenterstage.org](http://www.valleycenterstage.org)



*Gina Estep, Community and Economic Development Director*

